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LINCOLNSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN: ISSUES AND OPTIONS FOR UPDATING THE PLAN

COMMENTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

On 12 April 2022, the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee considered a report in relation to the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Issues and Options for Updating the Plan and unanimously supported the Recommendations to the Executive.

The following points were highlighted:

- Members noted that whilst the documents would be subject to public consultation, it was important that local views be given proper consideration. In this respect, it was pointed out that for a recent application for mineral extraction near Ancaster, the public and parish councils had raised concerns about dust, vibration and lorry movements but they felt these had not been taken into account. Officers advised that the Issues and Options document emphasised key aspects of national policy. This would help manage expectations as the updated plan would need to be in conformity with national policy to be sound and legally compliant.
- Members advised that the adopted plan had been effective and commended its usefulness as a tool to the planning system. The updating of the plan was welcomed with a complete, open and transparent analysis of new site allocations.
- Members questioned whether inert waste was needed for the infilling of former mineral workings given that such workings should be restored swiftly. Officers advised that this matter would be given careful consideration.
- Members enquired about how a new quarry affecting the water table around a neighbouring wildlife area would be assessed; and questioned whether industrial development such as cement factories should always be allowed near quarries as they could have significant impacts. Officers explained that impacts on the environment and amenity were covered primarily by the Development Management Policies of the plan rather than the Core Policies, but that these are linked to the Core Policies. Therefore, neither new mineral workings nor industrial development where the impacts could not be mitigated to acceptable levels would accord with the existing Core Policies.
- Members noted that the spatial strategy seeks to locate waste management facilities in and around the main urban areas in line with the proximity principle but pointed out that smaller settlements also produce waste so needed recycling facilities. Officers advised that the adopted plan includes a policy for small scale waste development outside the main urban areas.

- Members thanked Officers for a comprehensive report and a detailed introduction and presentation of options.